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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. YOU ARE CLOSER TO DAY BY DAY DEVELOPMENTS ON HARCOS/
FLETCHER THAN WE AND HARDLY NEED ANY GUIDANCE. WE HAVE
TRIED TO GIVE YOU SUPPORT AND BACKGROUND ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES AS THEY HAVE COME UP. I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE
TO PRESS US WHERE WE CAN BE HELPFUL.

2. WE HAVE TRIED TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE THROUGH AMBAS-
SADOR KAUL AND HAD PLANNED TO CONTINUE THIS IN NOW-
POSTPONED KAUL MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO TODAY,
SCHEDULED AT KAUL'S REQUEST. WE GATHER YOU ARE SEEING
KEWAL SINGH TOMORROW AT LATTER'S REQUEST. YOU CAN SAY
WITH CONVICTION THAT WASHINGTON IS INCREASINGLY TROUBLED
BY DELAYS AND COMPLICATIONS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING QUES-
TION OF CONSULAR ACCESS. KEWAL SINGH SHOULD PRESUMABLY
BE AS CONSCIOUS AS WE THAT WAY IN WHICH CASE IS HANDLED
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HAS OBVIOUS POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSELY AFFECTING ATMOSPHERE

NECESSARY FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS AND
ESPECIALLY FOR SUCCESS OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSED VISIT TO
INDIA. WE CONFIDENT YOU WILL CONTINUE FIND WAYS IMPRESS
THIS ON YOUR INDIAN FRIENDS. KISSINGER

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